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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in a German Search Report mailed April 14, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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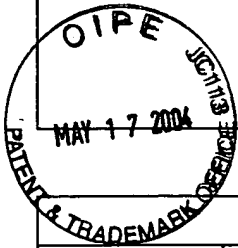
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,100,172	MAR. 31, 1992	VANVOORHIES et al.			
	US 6,406,055 B1	JUN. 18, 2002	FAIGLE et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	DE 199 12-369 A1	5.10.2000	GERMANY			abstract	
	WO 99/64273	12/16/1999	WIPO				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)



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